

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Thursday, November 9, 2006, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman
Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman
Doug Mood, Commissioner
Robert H. Raney, Commissioner
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

APPEARANCE
Scott Fabel, Utility Division

(417) In the matter of AT & T – N2006.10.151 – On October 17, 2006, AT & T filed Tariff Transmittal 2006-14. This filing clarifies the language for the Prepaid Phone Card:

Commissioner Mood moved to approve AT & T's Tariff Transmittal 2006-14 in Docket N2006.10.151. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(418) In the matter of AT & T – N2006.10.154 – On October 19, 2006, AT & T filed Tariff Transmittal 2006-15. This filing clarifies the language to the Public Payphone Surcharge Tariff for AT & T Prepaid Phone Service:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve AT & T Tariff Transmittal 2006-15 in Docket N2006.10.154. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Gary Duncan, Utility Division

(419) In the matter Qwest Corporation – N2006.10.155 – On October 25, 2006, Qwest Corporation filed for Commission approval a Multi-State Agreement between Qwest and Fidelity National Financial Inc.:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the Multi-State agreement between Qwest Corp. and Fidelity National Financial Inc. in Docket No. N2006.10.155. Commissioner Molnar seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE
Eric Eck, Utility Division

(420) In the matter of MDU Resources group, Inc. – D2006.10.153 – On October 20, 2006, MDU Resources Group, Inc applied for authority to issue up to 2,958,318 additional shares of its authorize but unissued Common Stock pursuant to MDU Resources' 401(k) Retirement Plan:

Commissioner Molnar moved to grant MDU Resources Group, Inc.'s application to issue up to 2,958,318 additional shares of Common Stock. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(421) In the matter of the Commission Minutes for the week of October 30, 2006:

Commissioner Mood moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of October 30, 2006. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Martin Jacobson, Legal Division

(422) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2004.7.120 and D2006.6.80 – Energy West Montana – Consolidated '04 and Combined '05/06 Annual Trackers:

Commissioner Raney moved to grant motion to suspend schedule, direct to staff to start draft an order or fact sheet, and issue notice of opportunity for hearing, and defer ruling on the need for a hearing. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(423) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2006.5.58 – NorthWestern Energy – 2006 Annual Gas Cost Tracker:

Commissioner Raney moved to grant motion to suspend schedule, direct to staff to start draft an order or fact sheet, and issue notice of opportunity for hearing, and defer ruling on the need for a hearing. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(424) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of D2006.6.94 - NWE - 2006 Annual QF Avoided Cost:

Commissioner Schneider moved to grant CELP's motion, reset the procedural schedule, allow CELP's discovery as filed, allow NWE reasonable time to review and file objections if any to the discovery, allow a procedure for additional Commission discovery in the procedural schedule. Commissioner Raney seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Utility Division
Will Rosquist, Utility Division
Martin Jacobson, Legal Division

(425) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of proposed PSC legislation - (1) telecom promotions bill and (2) Chapter 8 reform bill:

Commissioner Raney moved to approve the telecom promotions bill draft. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Raney move to proceed with the introduction of Chapter 8 reform bill draft and find a bill sponsor. Commissioner Jergeson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

GREG JERGSON, Chairman

BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Judy Scheier
Assistant Commission Secretary

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